

Pick Up The Mantle

2 Kings 2:9-15

⁹ And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?” Elisha said, **“Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.”**

¹⁰ So he said, “You have asked a hard thing. *Nevertheless*, if you see me *when I am* taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so.” ¹¹ Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire *appeared* with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

¹² And Elisha saw *it*, and he cried out, “My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!” So, he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces. ¹³ He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ **Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, “Where *is* the Lord God of Elijah?”** And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over. ¹⁵ Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, **“The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.”**

There are moments in our spiritual journey where we need the whisper of God!

2 Kings 2:2,4,6

But Elisha said, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.”

2 Kings 2:9

Elisha said, **“Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.”**

2 Kings 2:14-15

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Mark Batterson wrote in his book, *Chase the Lion*, “**An inheritance is what you leave for someone. A legacy is what you leave in someone. Leaving an inheritance is important, but more important, leave a legacy. Legacy is the influence your dream has on others even after you die. Legacy isn’t measured by what you accomplished during your life span. Legacy is measured by the lives that are affected by your life long after you are gone.**”

Dale Burke in *Less is More Leadership* said, “**Nothing feels better than seeing a vision that you helped birth be passed on into the capable hands of others.**”